Adopt A Stream! FORM A MISSOURI STREAM TEAM



Missouri Stream Team . . . promoting citizen awareness and involvement in river and stream conservation.

◆ Education ◆ Stewardship ◆ Advocacy ◆



Have you ever wondered how you could help protect rivers and streams? It's easy! Adopt your favorite stream through the Missouri Stream Team Program!

We can help you get started by answering a few commonly asked questions:

What is Stream Team?

Missouri Stream Team is a working partnership of citizens who are concerned about Missouri streams. The Stream Team Program provides an opportunity for all interests to get involved in river conservation. Citizens attending the first Rivers and Streams Conference in 1988 set the following Stream Team goals:

1. Education: Learning all you can about Missouri's 56,000 miles of flowing water is as easy as it is fun. Stream Team provides training and information to better understand our stream systems and the problems and opportunities they face.



- 2. Stewardship: "Hands-on" projects such as litter control, streambank stabilization, streamside tree planting, water quality monitoring, and storm drain stenciling, are all possibilities. Stream Team can help you plan a project or match you with an agency or organization effort.
- 3. Advocacy: Speaking on behalf of your adopted stream when development projects or harmful activities tamper with them is not as difficult as you might think. Those who have gained firsthand knowledge of problems, solutions, and needs are best equipped to speak out on behalf of Missouri's stream resources. You may want to write a letter, attend a meeting, or find another way to get involved.



How Does It Work?

It's easy! Sign up and the ball will begin rolling. You will begin to receive information in the mail. You can adopt a stream, determine river values and problems, and plan projects based on your assessments. Technical assistance will be provided if needed. Stream Team can serve as a network to other Team members, or each individual can work on his or her own.

How Do I Join?

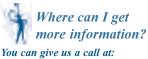
Stream Team membership is free to any interested citizen, family, or organization. You may adopt any stream or river of your choice, but adoption is not mandatory. We can also suggest streams to adopt, or hook you up with other Teams in your area. To form a Team, complete the attached registration form, detach, seal with tape, and mail with a first-class stamp. Once you sign up, you're set. You will decide what you can do to improve your stream. We'll help you with ideas, support, and materials, but only you have the power over the future course of your Stream Team.



STREAM TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

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STREAM TEAM NUMBER (Will be assigned upon receipt of Registration Form)	What Activities Are You Interested In?
(will be assigned upon receipt of registration form)	☐ Litter pickup on streams
ARE YOU AN: Educator Streamside Landowner Other	☐ Water quality monitoring
	Storm drain stenciling
GROUP TYPE: Family 4-H Scouts Club Other	☐ Stream management on: ☐ rural land ☐ urban land
AGE GROUP: Youth Adult	☐ Working with other groups in my watershed
	Other (please specify
STREAM TEAM NAME	As A Stream Team Member, I Promise To:
Contact Person Name	• Remember that I live in a watershed, and anything I do in that
Contact i cison i vanic	watershed can affect a stream positively or negatively.
Address	♦ Learn all I can about Missouri streams.
City, State, Zip	Engage in activities that promote and preserve the health of Missouri streams.
County of Residence	♦ Conduct myself in a professional manner so that my actions do not
County of Residence	negatively affect my Stream Team, other Stream Teams, or the
Home Phone() Work Phone()	Stream Team program as a whole.
	♦ Consider the points of view of others on water resource issues; recognize that our state's waters serve many purposes, some of
E-mail	which may appear to conflict; and advocate for the health and val-
Website	ues of Missouri streams based on good science and accurate data.
	♦ Respect the property rights of private landowners and always ask
	permission before entering private land.
Adopted Stream/River Name	♦ Report my Stream Team activities so my efforts can be included
	with all other Stream Teams activities to show that we are making
County of adopted stream	a difference locally and globally.
Exact location of adopted stream reach (from upstream to down-	Authorization Signature_
stream)	(I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Missouri Stream Team
(Example: From Hwy. T bridge to Smith's Access, or From Hwy. T bridge to	sponsors, officers, agents, and assigns from any and all liability for claims, demands, and actions from any and all volunteer activities in
3 miles downstream.)	which I or my Stream Team group may participate.)
ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS (Attach extra sheet if necessary.)	
Name: Address:	<u>City/State/Zip:</u> <u>Phone</u>
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